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RECOMMENDATIONS OF NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Advisory Council has suggested measures for reforming administration and management of land by inducting the new technology;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the action so (ar taken by the Government on the suggestions of National Advisory Council?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA)

(a) and (b) Yes, National Advisory Council has suggested that for preparation and updation of Land Records, the old manual methodology should be discarded and computer technology may be adopted to obtain accurate surveys. Aerial photographs should be used with the help of agencies like Survey of India, ISRO and others for the preparation of land maps. The agencies may be requested to take up Pilot Projects to evaluate the suitability of GPS and other available technologies. All Sub-Divisional and Taluk offices should be linked to the District computers to have connectivity including the NICNET or directly with the computerized land records available for use and regular dynamic synchronous updation of websites.

(c) The scheme of Computerization of Land Records (CLR) with 100% financial assistance from Government of India is an ongoing Scheme. The main objective of the Scheme was to create digital database of land records and issue of computerised copies of Record of Rights (ROR) to land owners on demand at a reasonable price. Under the Scheme of CLR, funds are released to the State Governments for undertaking basic data entry work, setting up of computer centres at tehsil/taluk/sub-division level and imparting training to Revenue staff involved in the computerisation work. So far 582 districts, 3309 tehsils /taluks and 562 sub-divisions of the country have been brought under the programme with the total financial support of Rs.344.98 crore. In 2721 tehsils/taluks computer centres have been set up and from 2607 tehsils/taluks, computerised copies of RoR are being issued to landowners on demand.

Under the scheme of Strengthening of Revenue Administration and Updating of Land and Records (SRA & ULR), which is also an ongoing scheme, financial assistance is given on 50:50 sharing basis between Centre and the States for the purchase of modern survey equipments like GPS and Electronic Total Station (ETS), construction of Record Rooms, office-cum-residence of Patwaries and Survey Training Institute etc. Since inception of the scheme, the Government of India has given financial assistance to the tune of Rs. 285.40 crore to State/UTs under this Scheme. From time to time, States/UTs are requested to adopt modern technologies in Survey and Settlement operations through the Scheme of SRA & ULR.